

LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Board of Health
February 10, 2015

I. ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Board of Health was called to order at 5:02 PM by Heidi Stark at the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department. Members Present: Roma Amundson, Alan Doster, Karla Lester, Jacquelyn Miller, Craig Strong, Brittany Behrens (ex-officio), Molly Burton (ex-officio), Tim Sieh (ex-officio) and Heidi Stark.

Members Absent: Doug Emery, Michelle Petersen and Michael Tavlin.

Staff Present: Judy Halstead, Scott Holmes, Charlotte Burke, Steve Frederick, Kathy Cook, Gwendy Meginnis, Steve Beal, Renae Rief, Willa Tharnish, Andrea Haberman, Dan King, Renae, Rief, Scott Lowry and Elaine Severe.

Others Present: Dale Michels, Pat Lopez, Joni Cover, and Marcia Mueting.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Dr. Stark asked if there were any other additions or corrections to the Agenda.

Motion: Moved by Ms. Amundson that the Agenda be approved as printed. Second by Mr. Strong. Motion carried by acclamation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Stark asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Minutes.

Motion: Moved by Dr. Doster that the January 13, 2015 Minutes be approved as printed. Second by Ms. Amundson. Motion carried by acclamation.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Dr Michels, Nebraska Board of Health Member, presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the Health Department for the Nebraska MEDS Disposal Project. The Department, along with other agencies in the community, provided opportunities for patients to dispose of their unwanted medications in a way that would not harm the environment. Ms. Tharnish introduced Ms. Mueting and Ms. Cover and provided a few highlights of the program.

III. PUBLIC SESSION

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. Health Director Update

Ms. Halstead introduced Molly Burton is the new Mayoral Aide replacing Trish Owen. Ms. Burton has been assigned as the Health Department liaison.

Ms. Halstead stated Communicable Disease staff have kept busy with Flu, Norovirus, Pertussis and a possible measles case. The measles case was negative. She noted there are 121 cases of Measles in the United States.

IV. CURRENT BUSINESS (Action items)

A. Acceptance of the 67th Annual Report of the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department

Ms. Halstead presented the 67th Annual Report. The report is available on the Health Department's website and includes messages from Mayor Beutler, Board of Health President, Heidi Stark, and Ms. Halstead. The report includes statistical program information for each of the divisions.

Motion: Moved by Dr. Lester that the Board of Health accept the 67th Annual Report of the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department. Second by Dr. Miller. Motion carried on a 6-0 roll call vote.

V. CURRENT BUSINESS (Information Items)

A. Legislation Update

Ms. Halstead stated staff continue to monitor and follow the 2015 Legislative Session. Bills of interest include: LB 18 - Immunizations for students; LB 118 – Licensure of Cigar Shops; LB 98 – Appropriations for tobacco use prevention control; and LB 472 – Medicaid Redesign Act Ms. Halstead will continue to provide updates to the Board of Health at monthly meetings.

B. Accreditation Presentation

Ms. Lopez provided an overview of the Public Health Accreditation process. She stated the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department will pursue accreditation in the coming year. The Department will apply to the Public Health Accreditation Board for accreditation. Accreditation provides public notification that a Department meets standards of quality set forth by the accrediting agency. Departments must meet prerequisites before applying for accreditation. They include completion of a Community Health Assessment, completion of a Community Health Improvement Plan and completion of a Department Strategic Plan. She noted 60 health departments in the country are accredited, 52 local departments and 8 state departments. She stated the Board of Health's role will be to provide a letter of support to the Public Health Accreditation Board, place public health programs and services high on the priority list, support the Department's efforts to become accredited, participate in the Department's site visit. She will continue to provide updates to the Board of Health at future meetings.

C. Animal Control Update

Mr. Beal provided an update on the Animal Control Program. Highlights included the number of calls dispatched, volume of calls by time of day, seasonal work calls including following up with owners with previous animal neglect issues, patrolling the parks and school areas, dispatcher duties, license applications, and defects. He noted the Division places a great deal of emphasis on customer service. Mr. Lowry reviewed the Tag it videos that are available on the Department's webpage.

VII. FUTURE BUSINESS

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Burke announced the Board of Health Luncheon and Awards Ceremony will be Wednesday, April 8, 2015 at 11:30 AM at the Bryan Medical Plaza Conference Center. David Carey will be the speaker.

Next Meeting – March 10, 2015 - 5:00 PM

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:08 PM.

Elaine Severe
Recording Secretary

Jacquelyn Miller
Vice-President